

# JUGHEADS

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## Juggle Jam 16 (JJ16) Notes

### Essential Info. for 11-Week Countdown

**SHOWS:** Our shows are Friday and Saturday, May 16 & 17 at Hopkins HS. Call time is 5:45 pm; doors open @ 6:30; show runs from 7-9:40. **Friday Rec.** will NOT meet May 16.

**CLUB REHEARSALS:** Every (Edina) school day until JJ16 is a full rehearsal (except May 6, 14 & 16). We're finishing choreography, running our routines, and adding costumes. Please stay at club rehearsals 'til 5:45 p.m. and inform us of **ANY** absences.

**ALL-CAST EVENING DRESS REHEARSALS are May 6 and 14 from 6-9 pm.** Wear JJ16 Tees on 5/14 for our only all-company photo at 6:10 pm. **Elite Club** will NOT meet on 5/6; **Advanced** will NOT meet on 5/14.

**AUDITIONS:** Any Jughead desiring to perform a solo or team routine for JJ16 needs to audition on **Tuesday, April 8 in Wooddale-Edina's gym.**

Every prospective act must perform in the 3/21 Winter Showcase and fill out an application by 3/25. Contact **Coach Kelvin** for more information. *NOTE: Auditions are always competitive; unique and polished acts rise above acts filled with juggling technicality yet are lacking in entertainment value.*

**SKITS:** Any Jughead with a skit idea and interest in performing should talk to **Coach Chris or Kelvin;** skit will be set by 5/1.

### Distinctive COSTUMES

are key to club routines; bring them to club rehearsals by April 28. **Monday:** ABBA; **Elite:** West Side Story; **Adv.:** State Fair (rides or food); **Thursday:** Rudolph (primarily elves or specific toys); **Friday:** The Music Man. *Khaki shorts and JJ16 Tees are required for the grand opener & grand finale.*

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS:** JJ is a huge production made possible by MANY parent volunteers. Therefore, our hope is that one parent from each JH family will volunteer for **one show or in another way.** Show night volunteers need not purchase a ticket for that night, but do not expect to see all/much of the show. Look for an email soon on how to volunteer via signuption.com. The link will also be posted on jugheads.com.



**TICKETS:** All tickets are reserved seats this year with two pricing tiers for adults/students. Online sales begin Monday, April 7.

**T-SHIRTS:** On May 6, Jugheads will receive JJ16 T-shirts for each club of membership; parents, please indicate sizes on the Spring Tuition Form.

## Officer Voice: Evan P.

**"Evan's Ode to Competition":** To be honest, I thought writing this would be a breeze. When Paul sent out an email asking for someone to write in the newsletter, I agreed figuring the words would just come to me--after all, it is my senior year. It's around noon and the column isn't due until 11 p.m. I figure I have time to spare, so I quickly switch to Netflix. Unfortunately time doesn't stop, it is 9 p.m. and the page is still blank. Then I realized I get a whole column dedicated to myself! Or my GREAT words of wisdom. It doesn't matter, same thing.

I joined JH as a 3rd grader with some of my friends. I loved it because it was a challenge. I saw it as a sport. Most importantly, I wanted to get better than my friends. Needless to say, I won. While this competitiveness may seem childish, it became a driving force in everything I do.

Competition has advanced society in ways we can't even imagine. Just think, without the competition between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. in the space race, some brilliant physicist may never have invented the microwave that we rely on for that midnight snack. But make sure it is a healthy competition between friends.

In regards to juggling, competition drove JH grads/former coaches/IJA gold medalists Stefan Brancel and Ben Hestness together (and apart at times).

The point is: competition makes you better. It brings out an energy and work ethic in people that engages them to do their best. Win or lose, the act of competition is an achievement in itself. Whether you're not one for competition or just think I'm crazy, I challenge you to bring a competitive spirit, or energy, to any aspect of your life. To everyone else, keep competing and be the best you can be.

—**Evan P.:** Deca-Jughead, Officer, Advanced Club Assistant, Elite member, Ultimate Club Co-Captain

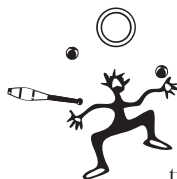
## Spring Club Tuition Due

### Early registration deadline: March 15

Spring JH tuition covers April 7-June 6 and includes a JJ16 T-shirt and cast photo. Register by 3/15 for a \$15 discount per Jughead, per club. **Indicate T-shirt size** + club code on the reg. form. (If using PayPal, please **email us T-shirt sizes.**)

CLUB	CODE	COST	OFF DAY
<b>Monday Rec.</b>	<b>14SPR-MON</b>	<b>\$215</b>	<b>May 26</b>
<b>Elite Club</b>	<b>14SPR-ELITE</b>	<b>\$215</b>	<b>May 6*</b>
<b>Adv. Club</b>	<b>14SPR-ADV</b>	<b>\$215</b>	<b>May 14*</b>
<b>Thursday Rec.</b>	<b>14SPR-THURS</b>	<b>\$235</b>	—
<b>Ultimate Club</b>	<b>14SPR-ULTI</b>	<b>\$285</b>	—
<b>Friday Rec.</b>	<b>14SPR-FRI</b>	<b>\$215</b>	<b>May 16*</b>

\*No regular club those days, but mandatory evening events.



# Planning for June '14-May '15

## Camps, Clubs, Leadership

**SUMMER CAMPS:** The week of March 17, look for the registration form for our seven (7) weeks of summer juggling camps (June 9-July 25; no camp on July 4).

**NEXT SCHOOL YEAR:** Parents looking to secure a spot for Fall '14 clubs can plan on receiving a home mailing on May 23 (earlybird discount deadline: June 7). Be aware that fall registration for our three Rec. Clubs will open to the public (new rookies for '14-'15) on Monday, June 9, and some clubs may max out.

**ASSISTANTS & VOLUNTEERS:** Paul is working on rosters of camp and club assistants (9th-12th grade) for summer & next school year. Summer Asst. Apps. are due Friday, April 4; all current and potential school year leaders should discuss/confirm club preferences with Paul by May 1 (the fall team is nearly set!).

**COACHES:** **Paul Arneberg** will actively coach all after school clubs next year; **Kelvin Ying** is resigning in order to more fully pursue his post-graduate studies and music career (dream: conductor); **Chris Lovdal** may coach 2nd semester again; specialist coach **Jon O'Connor** will continue with Ultimate Club and likely specialty act development in late fall & winter months.

## JH Community News

- **9th ANNUAL EYJA JUGGLING SHOWCASE:** More than 20 acts will entertain folks like YOU on Friday, 3/21 from 7:30-9 p.m. at South View Middle School in Edina. It's a great way to kick off our 2014 performing season, and it's FREE! Just show up!
- **TWO APPLICATION DEADLINES for performers & leaders:** **Tuesday, March 25** is the application deadline for the JJ16 Specialty Act Auditions (for April 8); **Friday, April 4** is the app. deadline for 2014 Summer Camp Assistants. Both forms are available at JH, or request an emailed PDF or Word Document. NOTE: Even students desiring to *volunteer* should fill out an app.
- **SENIOR JUGHEADS'** families should submit juggling/Jughead-related photos to Wendy by 5/2 to be used for the JJ16's *Senior Presentation*. Our 10 seniors will be honored according to "seniority": 1) years; 2) club level; 3) service. Friday night: **Matthew N., Nick G. Nathan L., Erica L., Griffin K.**; Saturday night: **Danny G., Sydney P., Nick H. Graham R., Evan P.**
- **Grads' Viral Video!** In January, Jughead grads **Stefan Brancel, Sean Carney, Ben Hestness and Brenden Ying** were filmed by **Tom Gaasedelen** and posted a six-minute juggling video on Vimeo. They've received 241,000 views and local & na-

tional TV coverage! The video is linked on the JH Facebook page.

- **Congratulations to Maddie W.** who won the State Hockey Championship with Blake last month!

## Paul's Platform: "Little Tests of Big Faith"

One need not know me for very long to figure out a few basic things about who I am. For starters, I'm an expressive, emotional, intense, often obsessive, people-oriented man of deep Christian faith who believes that God is sovereign and I am not. How's that for a "large talk" sentence? ;-) For me, "big faith" is a necessity.

Consider this past year: Wendy underwent major heart surgery at Mayo Clinic to repair her mitral valve. My close friend and Jughead dad, Eric Rynders, died of heart failure. And my coaching staff began to downsize, with projections of me being the only after school coach next year while further empowering and training my already-strong student leadership team. In all these things, I've trusted God for life & death and the big picture.

However, I'd like to publicly confess that it seems more difficult for me to exercise my self-described big faith in the little tests of life. To be more specific, while I've learned to trust God instinctively through many major issues, it's challenging for me to trust and thank Him through mid-year roster downturns or choreography frustrations or more readily going out of my way for a snack time conversation (e.g., while working on deadlines). I am trying to grow through the little tests of my faith, whether how I handle a child's contrary behavior or trusting that my efforts in (or on behalf of) a child's life will count even if he or she is only a short-term Jughead or we never see each other again after graduation.

This winter, I failed a test of childlike faith when I was dealing with a roster setback. By contrast, Job lost all 10 of his kids (to death!), along with his business and wealth (and then his health), and his response was, "The LORD has given and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD" (Job 1:21b, ESV).

I am working on "blessing the Lord" even during this busy season of ours, praying for the joy that comes after (and while) trusting Him through the little tests rather than "playing God" by presuming to be angry or despairing when my will is thwarted. Behind every high throw, record, and dance move is a company founded on God's grace, for His glory. Big and little.

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